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### Park Board Names 2007 Elly Doyle Park Service Honorees

The Fairfax County Park Authority Board announced the 2007 Elly Doyle Park Service Award recipients during committee meetings on Wednesday, July 11, 2007. This award is the most prestigious recognition given by the Park Authority to individuals or organizations who contribute outstanding volunteer service to the Fairfax County Park Authority.

The three recipients of the 2007 Elly Doyle Park Service Award include Joanne Malone, former member and officer of the Fairfax County Park Authority Board and longtime park advocate; Bill Niedringhaus, originator of the Cross County Trail concept and active community trail enthusiast and leader, as well as Laura Lane who worked tirelessly to fund and create the South Railroad Street Park in Dunn Loring.

Also recognized this year were the members of the Cross County Trail Volunteer Committee that includes representatives of the Hunter Valley Riding Club, Mid-Atlantic Off-Road Enthusiasts, Potomac River Greenways Coalition, Fairfax Trails and Streams, Great Falls Trail Blazers and the Clifton Horse Society. The Park Authority also honors Jasleen Corrie and Susie Lotharius for their volunteer efforts to clean-up Munson Hill Park and to raise funds to improve this community resource located in Falls Church. Victor Litwinski was also honored for his clean-up efforts along Pimmit Run and the Board recognized Dottie O'Rourke a Sully Historic Site docent and member of the Sully Stitchers who has given 1,500 tours to date and taught more than 8,000 school children. Recognition was also awarded to the Analemma Society, a non-profit volunteer organization involved in the planning and development of the Observatory Park at Turner Farm in Great Falls.

Each year the Park Authority selects a student nominee to share in the award recognition as well as serving as a role model for other young volunteers in the parks. This year two sisters have garnered this acclaim. Jessica and Jennifer Cheng, both volunteers with the Oak Marr RECenter Adapted Aquatics programs are to be honored.

The Elly Doyle Park Service Award was established by the Fairfax County Park Authority in 1988 in recognition of Ellamae Doyle's years of outstanding service toward the preservation of parkland, natural resources and recreational facilities and opportunity. The purpose of the award is to publicly recognize a volunteer or group of volunteers for outstanding contributions to the Fairfax County parks and programs.

The 2007 Elly Doyle Park Service Awards and Outstanding Volunteer Recognition Program will be held on Friday, November 16, 2007. These honorees as well as volunteers from dozens of Park Authority sites will be recognized for their outstanding volunteer contributions during the program. For more information about this recognition program or the honorees contact the Public Information Office at 703-324-8662.

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